



PATENT (US)

Attorney Docket No. YAMAP0495USG

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE, INCLINATION DETECTION APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND OPTICAL INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

the specification of which

- (a) is attached hereto.
(b) x was filed on October 22, 2003 as Serial No. 0 / or X Express Mail No. ER 054908394 US, as Serial No. not yet known, and was amended on (if applicable).
(c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. filed on and amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d) no such application have been filed.
(e) x such applications have been filed as follows.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
<u>Japan</u>	<u>8-156546</u>	<u>18/6/1996</u>	<u>x</u> Yes <u> </u> No
<u>Japan</u>	<u>8-159368</u>	<u>20/6/1996</u>	<u>x</u> Yes <u> </u> No
<u>Japan</u>	<u>8-161331</u>	<u>21/6/1996</u>	<u>x</u> Yes <u> </u> No

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therein.

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☒ Added page to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part
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DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION AND CIP APPLICATION

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER
35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications) or PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:				
U.S. APPLICATIONS		Status (check one)		
U.S. Applications	U.S. Filing Date	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
1. 09/288,304	4/8/1999		X	
2. 08/877,363	6/17/1997	X		
3.				